

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6958

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT-GROWN PROGRAM AND THE FARM WINE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22-38a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (a) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall establish and administer
- 4 a program to promote the marketing of farm products grown and
- 5 produced in Connecticut for the purpose of encouraging the
- 6 development of agriculture in the state.
- 7 (b) The commissioner may, within available appropriations, provide
- 8 a grant-in-aid to any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged
- 9 in the promotion and marketing of such farm products, if such person,
- 10 firm, partnership or corporation incurs at least fifty per cent of the cost
- 11 <u>of such promotion and marketing,</u> provided the words
- 12 "CONNECTICUT-GROWN" [are] or the official Connecticut-Grown
- 13 <u>logo adopted by the Department of Agriculture is</u> clearly incorporated
- 14 in such promotional and marketing activities.
- 15 (c) The Department of Agriculture shall produce and distribute
- 16 advertisements that promote farm products produced or grown in the
- 17 state. Said advertisements may be in the form of broadcast, electronic
- or print and may be placed in Connecticut or out-of-state markets.

- 19 (d) Any funds appropriated to this program may be used by the commissioner to support agricultural exposition events organized by 20 21 the commissioner.
- 22 (e) The commissioner may adopt, in accordance with chapter 54, such regulations as [he] the commissioner deems necessary to carry 23 out the purposes of this section. 24
- 25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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